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SENATE BILL NO. 155

Introduced by: Senators Bradford, Adelstein, Dempster, Fryslie, Gillespie, and Hansen (Tom) and Representatives Lucas, Engels, Iron Cloud III, Killer, Lange, and Van Gerpen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the revision of certain offensive geographic
2 place names.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. The Legislature finds that Chapter 9 of the 2001 Session Laws, "An Act to replace
5 certain geographic place names that use offensive names, words, or phrases", was enacted by
6 the South Dakota Legislature in 2001. This legislation resulted in action by the United States
7 Board on Geographic Names changing several offensive place names in 2008. However, several
8 offensive place names identified in the 2001 legislation have not yet been changed, and the
9 Legislature urges the United States Board on Geographic Names to proceed with further action
10 on these place names.

11 Section 2. That § 1-19C-1 be amended to read as follows:

12 1-19C-1. The Legislature finds that certain geographic place names are offensive and
13 insulting to all South Dakota's people, history, and heritage. These place names should be
14 replaced by names that reflect South Dakota's people, history, and heritage without resorting to



1 harmful or offensive stereotypes, names, words, or phrases. ~~Section 1-19C-4 lists~~ Sections 7 and
2 8 of this Act list the currently known geographic names that are harmful or offensive. All state
3 and local government agencies ~~may~~ shall make changes to maps and any other reference
4 materials to reflect the changes provided in this chapter. ~~A copy of this chapter shall be~~
5 ~~forwarded by the Legislative Research Council to the United States Board on Geographic~~
6 ~~Names for consideration as recommendations for changes on any federal maps and reference~~
7 ~~materials that reference these names and places.~~

8 Section 3. That § 1-19C-2 be amended to read as follows:

9 1-19C-2. The geographic place names set forth in ~~§ 1-19C-4~~ sections 7 and 8 of this Act are
10 considered harmful and offensive. The new place names provided in ~~§ 1-19C-4~~ sections 7 and
11 8 of this Act shall replace and shall be used by all state and local agencies in South Dakota in
12 all future publications, maps, or other reference materials published after July 1, ~~2001~~ 2009.

13 Section 4. That chapter 1-19C be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
14 follows:

15 The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is hereby created. The board consists of the
16 director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations and one representative each from the
17 Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, the State
18 Historical Society, and the Department of Tourism and State Development. The board shall
19 elect a chair and vice chair from among its membership and shall meet at least once each year
20 to consider issues related to geographical place names and to make recommendations to the
21 appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.

22 Section 5. That § 1-19C-3 be amended to read as follows:

23 1-19C-3. If no replacement place name for a specific location or feature is provided in ~~§ 1-~~
24 ~~19C-4~~ section 8 of this Act, a replacement name may be suggested by the county or other local

1 government entity, or by any interested person and may be submitted to the ~~Department of~~
2 ~~Environment and Natural Resources in Pierre for a period of ninety days following July 1, 2001~~
3 South Dakota Board on Geographic Names. The final decision on any replacement names, not
4 previously approved by the Legislature pursuant to this chapter, shall be made ~~jointly by the~~
5 ~~Board of Water and Natural Resources, the Board of Minerals and Environment, and the~~
6 ~~Transportation Commission within sixty days after the expiration of the ninety-day deadline by~~
7 the board. The board shall make its recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic
8 Names concerning places specified in section 8 of this Act not later than January 1, 2010. The
9 board shall make any subsequent recommendations in a timely manner. Any place names
10 adopted ~~in the manner described as provided~~ in this section shall be adopted and used and shall
11 replace the offensive place names listed in ~~§ 1-19C-4~~ sections 7 and 8 of this Act pursuant to
12 the provisions of this chapter.

13 Section 6. That § 1-19C-4 be repealed.

14 ~~— 1-19C-4. Offensive place names in South Dakota by county are replaced as follows:~~

| 15 | County | Current place name | Place name changed to |
|----|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 | Codington | Squaw Lake | Serenity Lake |
| 17 | Custer | Little Squaw Creek | No recommendation |
| 18 | | Negro Canyon | —" " |
| 19 | | Negro Wool Ridge | —" " |
| 20 | Fall River | Squaw Flat | Hat Creek Flat |
| 21 | Gregory | Squaw Creek | No recommendation |
| 22 | | Squaw Creek Reservoir | —" " |
| 23 | Haakon | Squaw Creek | No recommendation |
| 24 | | Negro Creek | —" " |
| 25 | Harding | Squaw Creek | No recommendation |
| 26 | | East Squaw Creek | —" " |

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| 1 | | Squaw Tree Spring | —" " |
| 2 | | West Squaw Creek | —" " |
| 3 | Jackson | Big Negro Draw | No recommendation |
| 4 | | Little Negro Creek | —" " |
| 5 | Jones | Squaw Creek | Pitan Creek |
| 6 | Lake | Negro Creek | Franklin Creek |
| 7 | Lawrence | Squaw Creek | Cleopatra Creek |
| 8 | | East Branch of Squaw Creek | East Branch Cleopatra Creek |
| 9 | | Negro Gulch | East Chance Gulch |
| 10 | | Negro Hill | African Hill |
| 11 | Marshall | Squaw Hill | Six Mile Hill |
| 12 | | Squaw Lake | Six Mile Lake |
| 13 | Meade | Squaw Butte School | No recommendation |
| 14 | | Squaw Butte | —" " |
| 15 | | Squaw Creek | —" " |
| 16 | | Negro Creek School | —" " |
| 17 | Moody | Squaw Creek | Jack Moore Creek |
| 18 | Pennington | Squaw Creek | Cedar Breaks Creek |
| 19 | | Negro Creek | Medicine Mountain Creek |
| 20 | Shannon | Little Squaw Humper Creek | Little Red Shirt Creek |
| 21 | | Little Squaw Humper Table | Little Red Shirt Table |
| 22 | | Squaw Humper Creek | Two Bulls Creek |
| 23 | | Squaw Humper Dam | Two Bulls Dam |
| 24 | | Squaw Humper Table | Two Bulls Table |
| 25 | Stanley | Negro Edge Canyon | No recommendation |
| 26 | Ziebach | Squaw Teat Butte | Peaked Butte |
| 27 | | Squaw Teat Creek | East Rattlesnake Creek |

28 Section 7. That chapter 1-19C be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
29 follows:

1 The following offensive place names in South Dakota by county were revised by the United
2 States Board on Geographic Names as of January 1, 2009:

| 3 County | Current place name | Place name changed to |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 Codington | Squaw Lake | Serenity Lake |
| 5 Custer | Little Squaw Creek | Badger Clark Creek |
| 6 Fall River | Squaw Flat | Hat Creek Flat |
| 7 Gregory | Squaw Creek | Oscar Micheaux Creek |
| 8 | Squaw Creek Reservoir | Oscar Micheaux Reservoir |
| 9 Haakon | Squaw Creek | Sarah Larabee Creek |
| 10 Harding | Squaw Creek | Slim Buttes Creek |
| 11 | East Squaw Creek | Meat Hook Creek |
| 12 | Squaw Tree Spring | Prairie Woman Spring |
| 13 | West Squaw Creek | Double X Creek |
| 14 Jones | Squaw Creek | Pitan Creek |
| 15 Lawrence | Squaw Creek | Cleopatra Creek |
| 16 | East Branch of Squaw Creek | East Branch Cleopatra Creek |
| 17 Marshall | Squaw Hill | Six Mile Hill |
| 18 Meade | Squaw Butte | Vig Buttes |
| 19 | Squaw Creek | Deer Creek |
| 20 Pennington | Squaw Creek | Cedar Breaks Creek |
| 21 Stanley | Negro Edge Canyon | Ballard Canyon |
| 22 Ziebach | Squaw Teat Butte | Peaked Butte |
| 23 | Squaw Teat Creek | East Rattlesnake Creek |

24 Section 8. That chapter 1-19C be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
25 follows:

26 The following offensive place names in South Dakota by county have not been revised by
27 the United States Board on Geographic Names as of January 1, 2009:

| 1 | County | Current place name | Recommended place name |
|----|------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | Custer | Negro Canyon | No recommendation |
| 3 | | Negro Wool Ridge | No recommendation |
| 4 | Haakon | Negro Creek | No recommendation |
| 5 | Jackson | Big Negro Draw | No recommendation |
| 6 | | Little Negro Creek | No recommendation |
| 7 | Lawrence | Negro Gulch | Last Chance Gulch |
| 8 | | Negro Hill | African Hill |
| 9 | Marshall | Squaw Lake | Six Mile Lake |
| 10 | Meade | Squaw Butte School | No recommendation |
| 11 | | Negro Creek School | No recommendation |
| 12 | Moody | Squaw Creek | Jack Moore Creek |
| 13 | Pennington | Negro Creek | Medicine Mountain Creek |
| 14 | Shannon | Little Squaw Humper Creek | Little Red Shirt Creek |
| 15 | | Little Squaw Humper Table | Little Red Shirt Table |
| 16 | | Squaw Humper Creek | Two Bulls Creek |
| 17 | | Squaw Humper Dam | Two Bulls Dam |
| 18 | | Squaw Humper Table | Two Bulls Table |

19 Section 9. A copy of this Act shall be forwarded by the South Dakota Board on Geographic
20 Names to the United States Board on Geographic Names for consideration as recommendations
21 for changes on any federal maps and reference materials that reference these names and places.